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Field Crops

Alfalfa conditions continue to be mostly fair to good. Harvesting is occurring on more than two-thirds of the growing areas across the State. Cotton planting preparation has begun.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions improved slightly from the previous week but continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Sporadic rains have prevented range conditions from deteriorating further but drought conditions remain for most of the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale greens, bok choy, cilantro, parsley and citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine and other lettuces. Also shipped this week were arugula, bok choy, parsley, radicchio, spinach and citrus.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | <i>- Percent -</i> | | | | |
| Alfalfa | - | 4 | 33 | 49 | 14 |
| Range and Pasture | 24 | 30 | 31 | 15 | - |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending March 4, ranging from normal at various stations to 7 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Parker. The lowest reading was 5 degrees at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 10 of the 21 weather stations. Buckeye and Payson received the least at 0.01 inches and the Flagstaff area received the most at 0.36 inches. Three of the weather stations have yet to receive precipitation in 2012.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| February 27, 2012 - March 4, 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 50 | -5 | 80 | 29 | 0.02 | 0.15 | -2.68 | 5 |
| Buckeye | 54 | -5 | 80 | 33 | 0.01 | 0.03 | -1.47 | 2 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 36 | -6 | 59 | 11 | 0.08 | 0.42 | -1.01 | 29 |
| Coolidge | 52 | -6 | 80 | 26 | 0.00 | 0.65 | -1.27 | 34 |
| Douglas | 50 | 0 | 74 | 24 | 0.00 | 0.36 | -0.98 | 27 |
| Flagstaff | 30 | -4 | 51 | 8 | 0.24 | 1.41 | -3.14 | 31 |
| Grand Canyon | 29 | 0 | 53 | 5 | 0.36 | 1.32 | -3.69 | 26 |
| Kingman | 44 | -5 | 63 | 25 | 0.11 | 0.77 | -1.21 | 39 |
| Maricopa | 54 | -4 | 80 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.69 | 0 |
| Paloma | 54 | -6 | 82 | 30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.73 | 0 |
| Parker | 54 | -7 | 85 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -1.56 | 1 |
| Payson | 42 | -3 | 71 | 18 | 0.01 | 0.28 | -4.04 | 6 |
| Phoenix | 60 | 0 | 81 | 44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.50 | 0 |
| Prescott | 41 | 0 | 62 | 23 | 0.14 | 0.47 | -2.90 | 14 |
| Roll | 54 | -6 | 81 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -0.57 | 7 |
| Safford | 49 | -3 | 73 | 21 | 0.00 | 0.99 | -0.44 | 69 |
| St. Johns | 38 | -4 | 64 | 14 | 0.07 | 0.25 | -1.15 | 18 |
| Tucson | 55 | -3 | 78 | 29 | 0.00 | 0.22 | -1.50 | 13 |
| Willcox | 48 | 0 | 71 | 24 | 0.00 | 0.66 | -1.10 | 38 |
| Winslow | 39 | -4 | 64 | 13 | 0.06 | 0.18 | -0.89 | 17 |
| Yuma | 59 | -4 | 78 | 43 | 0.00 | 0.03 | -0.58 | 5 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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